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SIANFU SURROUNDED BY TROOPS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SURRENDER DEMANDED GENERALISSIMO BELIEVED TO BE IN GRAVE DANGER INITIATIVE MAY PASS FROM CHANG TO THE YOUNGER REBEL LEADERS

Nanking, To-day.

It is announced that Sianfu is now completely surrounded by Government troops and aeroplanes dropped leaflets on the city yesterday calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives.

Mr. W. H. Donald, the Generalissimo's European adviser, denied that General Yang Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt against the rebels but described a dramatic interview between Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in which the former entreated the latter to accept his proposals, particularly the alliance with the Soviet against Japan. The Generalissimo, however, declared that this was impossible at the present.

COUNTRY BEHIND CHIANG

ASSURANCES OF LOYALTY

EXPEDITION AGAINST CHANG URGED

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Nanking, To-day. All ranking military officers have sent telegrams here lauding Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission and President of the Executive Yuan, and condemning the mutiny of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, according to official quarters here.

Apart from messages from the loyal followers of the Generalissimo, telegrams expressing regret over the Shensi affair were received last night from General Liu Hsien, Pacification Commissioner of Szechuan, General Lung Yun, Pacification Commissioner of Yunnan, and General Li Chung-jen, Pacification Commissioner of Kwangsi.

Other general officers under Generalissimo Chiang are agitating for a punitive expedition against the Young Marshal who is leading the revolt against the Generalissimo and the Nanking Government.—*Union News*.

Students Denounce Rebellion

Peking: Even the students of the North Eastern University, of which Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is the Chancellor, are against the revolt.

The Students' Association of the Law and Literature Department have sent a cable to Nanking declaring that the Young Marshal has acted in collusion with the Red bandits and urge the Government to send a punitive expedition against him to " vindicate law and discipline."

The students have also sent a telegram to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang addressing him as "our teacher" and expressing amazement at his action and asking him to release the Generalissimo.

General Fu Tsui-yi has sent a cable to Nanking stating that the events in Sian have made no difference to his campaign and that he is pushing on against the Reds, according to plan.—Reuter.

LADY BOWES-LYON PASSES

London, To-day: The death is reported of Lady Bowes-Lyon, wife of Sir Francis Bowes-Lyon and an aunt of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.—Reuter.

A later report states that Mr. Donald sent a cable message to the effect that extensive negotiations will be necessary to secure the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the rebels are evidently determined to exploit the possession of their valuable hostage in order to force the Government to make concessions. The danger is that the initiative may pass from Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that the general disruption of the country which would follow the death of Chiang would be favourable to their aims.—Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei Returning

Canton: The safety of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was definitely confirmed after the return of his European adviser, Mr. W. H. Donald, to Loyang from Sian yesterday afternoon. It is stated that the Generalissimo is being detained in the private residence of General Yang Fu-chen, Pacification Commissioner of Shensi, and is being guarded by the bodyguards of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

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Early Settlement Expected

Shanghai: In an exclusive telegram to Reuter, Mr. W. H. Donald, the European Adviser of the Generalissimo, expresses optimism concerning the situation in Sian-fu and says that "unless unforeseen difficulties arise or obstinate influences the situation, a settlement is likely within the next few days."

Mr. Donald reports that in his talk yesterday with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and his colleagues, he was assured that the latter have no intention whatever of harming Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Donald adds that yesterday, for the first time, the Generalissimo discussed the whole situation with the Young Marshal, who afterwards conferred with his colleagues.—Reuter.

Generalissimo At Gen. Yang's House

Nanking: A Sianfu telegram from Mr. W. H. Donald, European adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, stated last night that the latter and his colleagues are imprisoned in the home of General Yang Hu-chen, Pacification Commissioner of Shensi.

Mr. Donald added that he would leave Sianfu for Nanking this morning by aeroplane to report on his interview with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. It is not stated whether he succeeded in securing the release of the Generalissimo, while General Chang Hsueh-liang is said to have remained firm.

A later report stated that Mr. Shao Yuan-chang, a loyal supporter of the Generalissimo, died of the wounds sustained during the shooting on Saturday morning.

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The latest development in the diplomatic puzzle involving Europe concerns the alliance between Germany and Italy, a union which may have far-reaching political and military results. One factor which has cooled Premier Mussolini's former friendship for France, and brought Chancellor Hitler more in favour with Il Duce, was the Franco-Soviet treaty because of the enmity which Fascism has for Communism. It is yet too soon to determine what effect the new alliance will have, but the creation of a solid bloc comprising Germany and Italy, together with their subservient neighbours, Austria and Hungary, is something which has given the rest of Europe real cause for thought.

KING GEORGE TO MAINTAIN RACING ESTABLISHMENT

"We Must Have 150,000 Airmen"

BETTER DISCIPLINE NEEDED

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet's plans for the carrying out of a prodigious increase in their air force are already being translated into action to the maximum extent, in accordance with the resolution formulated at the recent Soviet Congress: "We must have 150,000 airmen."

A dispatch from Kiev, the *Investia* reveals, stated that 7½ times as many airmen will be trained in the Ukraine during the current year as compared to last year and that Ukraine has set up 11 new aero-clubs.

Lively propaganda is being developed throughout the Union including the Caucasian and Central Asiatic republics for inducing youth to join the air organisations.

A leading article in the *Investia* throws light upon the present state of the Soviet air armament when it states that although Russia to-day possesses the world's most powerful air force and 167 flying clubs, yet much must be done to improve the discipline and training methods in order to overcome the present extraordinarily large number of accidents, which, the newspaper says, in the outcome of too superficial training.—Trans-Ocean Service.

The Communists' spectre alarms Japan and Chinese opinion must be perturbed by the serious revolt in Kansu, yet it is far from certain that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang cherishes any but purely personal and predatory ambitions. He has expended a great part of the fortune with which he retired from Manchuria on a large and disorderly armament, and he believes that he can exact better terms for himself and his warlords by this hold-up.

Whether he succeeds or fails, his action has thrown an unpleasant light on the disqualification of Chinese politics.—Reuter.

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PRESS SUPPORT FOR GENERALISSIMO

Canton: The Chinese Journalists' Association in Nanking has declared that all the Chinese newspapers in the country are supporting the present policy of the Central Government objecting to the introduction of Communism and appealing to the public to help in securing the re-issues of the Generalissimo.

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£65,000,000 GOLD PURCHASE FROM EQUALISATION FUND

REDUCTION OF FIDUCIARY NOTE ISSUE BY £60,000,000

London, To-day.

The city is confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchase of £65,000,000 from the Equalisation Fund and the simultaneous reduction of the fiduciary note issue by £60,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such a pressure on sterling as may be experienced through the withdrawals of French funds, and the possible resumption of the outflow of capital to Wall Street, could be counteracted by the employment of the Equalisation Fund remaining in the form of vast gold holdings.

It is pointed out that the time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm is the most opportune for re-establishing funds for freedom of action, as, after disposing of some of its gold holdings, the fund will be better equipped to arrest any undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that it has been decided temporarily to increase the amount of gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £55,000,000.

Such a step by itself would mean a sharp expansion of the credit basis, which is not justified at present. Therefore the fiduciary issue has been reduced by £60,000,000.—Reuter.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "Such a step by itself would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit base, for which there is no justification at the present time. I have, therefore, at the request of the Bank directed a reduction of the fiduciary issue by £60,000,000 under the powers conferred by the Currency and Bank Notes Act 1928, thus limiting the expansion to small dimensions. I would add that there is no greater permanence in these arrangements than may seem desirable, since the fiduciary issue may be increased or diminished at any time in future in accordance with the provisions of the Act named."—British Wireless Service.

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INSURGENTS DRIVEN BACK AT BOADILLA THREE ATTACKS LAUNCHED

FIVE-HOUR BATTLE

London, To-day.

A fierce battle, reported to have lasted over five hours yesterday, took place in the Boadilla del Monte sector, to the south-west of Madrid, leaving over 200 dead in addition to many injured in the Government lines.

The attack was one of the three launched by the insurgents, and in the Boadilla sector the Moroccan troops and German contingents, who recently arrived to take charge, were supported by aeroplanes and tanks.

It is claimed that the enemy were driven back in each instance with heavy losses.—Reuter.

RED CASUALTY LIST

Paris: The Red losses during the last three weeks of fighting in and round Madrid is estimated to be in the region of 5,000 dead and wounded, according to the casualty list issued by the Headquarters of the Red Spanish Army, states a message to the *Paris Midi* from their Madrid correspondent.

SOVIET INDIGNATION

Moscow: Considerable irritation has been caused here over the holding up of Soviet ships in the Mediterranean, this being reflected in a leading article in the *Pravda*. Up to the present 17 ships have been stopped and searched in a manner which is alleged to be a violation of International Law, states the journal, which added that in every case the ships proved to be harmless transport vessels.

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40-HOUR WEEK IN ITALY

Compulsory Measure For All Industries

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Council of Ministers have now decided to institute a 40-hour working week in all fields of industry with the provision that in the cases of industries which must operate without interruption the time may be increased 42 hours.

This measure will require no special changes since it has been in force, generally, for some time past.—Trans-Ocean Service.

TEL-A-VIV HARBOUR Under Consideration By British Govt.

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CABINET MEETING TO-DAY

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons whether the Government proposed to take any steps to provide a harbour at Tel-A-viv, Palestine, the Colonial Secretary said that the question is being considered by the Government, in consultation with the High Commissioner to Palestine, Lt.-Gen. Sir Arthur G. Wimborne, but that he was not able to make a statement at the present time.—Reuter.

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Sporting Page

SENSATIONAL MOVEMENT BY HOME SOCCER LEAGUE CLUBS

KENT C.C.C. DISPENSE WITH 'TICH' FREEMAN
"I CAN HARDLY REALISE IT: A GREAT BLOW"
"BUT GOOD LUCK TO THE YOUNGSTERS"

London, November 21.

TICH FREEMAN, star slow bowler of Kent, received by the first post to-day the letter which he had dreaded — his "sacking" from the county cricket club.

It read as follows: Dear Tich, We had a committee the other day, and it was decided that it is most important to do everything we can to encourage our young bowlers. With this object in view, we decided with great regret that the time has come when we must give you notice of the termination of your engagement by the K.C.C.C.

We will continue your ground pay up to the beginning of next season, and as a special mark of appreciation in view of your exceptional services to the eleven, the Committee decided to make you a grant of £250. A cheque for this amount will be forwarded you in due course. Yours sincerely, G. De L. Hough (secretary).

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Police Reserve Granted Affiliation

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Rifle Association yesterday evening at the Hong Kong Hotel the application from the Hong Kong Police Reserve (Chinese Company) to affiliate as a "unit" to the Association was also unanimously approved.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the individual full membership to date now numbered 458, while the affiliated membership exceeded 5,200.

The Council heard with the greatest satisfaction that the application made by the President at the first annual dinner has resulted in promises of financial support for the Clubhouse Building Fund exceeding \$1,300 in the aggregate.

It was agreed that the usual "Wapenshaw" Shoot should be held on Boxing Day, providing that the Naval Authorities could see their way to allow the Association to use the Stonecutter Range, and that the dinner which follows the shoot should now be held in the Association's Clubhouse on the Army Range.

Final details were decided as regards the opening of the Clubhouse to-day by Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew (wife of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding), for which ceremony, a large attendance of members and guests is expected.

LATEST COUNTRY CLUB GOLF RESULTS

The following were the results of golf matches played at the Country Club last Sunday:

Junior Championship

B. Basto beat W. G. Williams 6 and 5.
 C. H. Suen beat J. D'Almada 5 and 4.
 A. J. Kew beat C. E. Roza-Pereira 5 and 4.
 A. G. Botelho beat S. J. Fong 4 and 3.

Ladies' Championship

Mrs. A. E. H. Castro beat Mrs. A. W. da Roza 5 and 3.
 Mrs. F. E. Remedios beat Mrs. L. D'Almada 5 and 4.
 Mrs. A. J. Kew beat Mrs. J. J. Basto 8 and 7.
 Miss L. G. Ablong beat Miss O. Basto 5 and 4.

GOLF CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held on Tuesday, December 22, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jaridine Matheson and Co., Ltd., commencing at 5.30 p.m.



Donald Badgry, above, is ranked only a shade below Fred Perry according to tennis experts and is next in line for the Wimbledon crown.

FRED PERRY TO RAISE LEVEL OF PRO. TENNIS

Early Training For Germany

VON CRAMM REGRETS PERRY'S ACTION

"After considering a number of attractive offers from various sources throughout the world, I am electing to accept the contract offered by Voshell and Hunter, being confident that this enterprise, which is backed by a group of well-known sportsmen, will do much to raise the level of professional competitive tennis in the eyes of the public and place it on the sound basis which it deserves for the future," declared Fred Perry, the world's ranking amateur lawn tennis player, when he forsakes the defence of the Davis Cup and turned professional.

"My Chief Regret"

"My chief regret about this business is that others, who should not have been told, knew of the decision of the club before I did."

"If I had been told at the end of last season I would have gone in for League cricket, but maybe it is too late to get booked up now."

"What I am going to do I cannot say. Even yet I can scarcely realise the fact of the club's decision."

Hoped In Vain

"Last season I took 110 wickets, and altogether I have taken about 3,700."

"I had hoped to beat Wilfrid Rhodes's record—he has taken 200-300 more wickets than I—but that is not to be."

"I feel that I could have given at least a couple more years of service to the club in the field and in giving advice to the youngsters."

"Evidently the club doesn't think so."

And this is what Mr. G. De L. Hough, secretary of the Kent C.C.C., said: "It has nothing whatever to do with Barnes. Our letter showed quite clearly the reason for our decision—it is to give the youngsters a chance—and that only."

LIGHT BLUES BEATEN

London, to-day—In the only major friendly Rugby encounter played yesterday, Edinburgh Academy beat Cambridge University by 21 points to 12—Reuter.

FANLING HUNT CLUB MEETINGS

The Fanling Hunt Club will be holding Race meeting on Sunday, December 20, and December 27, and reduced salaries. The club's over-draft is £6,000.

AMALGAMATION OF THIRD DIVISION

LEAGUE SECRETARY WAS KEPT IN THE DARK

PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED

London, November 20.

THESE seems to be little chance of the idea to have the Northern and Southern sections of the Third Division of the Football League reconstructed into one division becoming an accomplished fact.

The idea is that clubs which are consistently run at a loss should be cut out and only the most successful clubs from the two sections retained. This would mean at least 22 clubs being forced out of first-class football. Many were the objections raised by officials of Third Division clubs with whom I discussed the proposal to-day (writes an *Evening News* representative).

Mr. Sam Allen, secretary of the Swindon Town Club, and one of the Southern Sections' two representatives at meetings of the League, said: "It is unworkable. Such an idea has never been discussed, and I cannot imagine it being given five minutes' discussion.

"Clubs that were forced out of the combine could shake the foundations of the League. They would have the freedom to sign players with First and Second Division clubs without paying any transfer fees. The League dare not let us out of their grip."

Retrieve Fortunes

Mr. Birrell, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, referring to the clubs who would be pushed out under this scheme, said: "All these clubs that are having a thin time are only waiting for that lucky break which will enable them to retrieve their lost fortunes."

"Those clubs that were left out could form a strong rival league that would be a challenge to the League, just as the old Southern League was before the Third Division was formed."

Two Solutions

Mr. Tom Thorne, chairman of the Millwall club and a member of the F.A. Council, said: "It is ridiculous. Those clubs that are in a bad way generally come up smiling each season. Someone has helped them out. And who is to say that they shall be expelled?"

Mr. A. Thomson, manager of the Northern section club, Halifax Town, who, by reason of their good gates, might be expected to be one of the clubs retained under this scheme, was just as critical.

Mr. Thomson thinks the solution of the problem lies in the adoption of the four up and four down promotion and relegation idea.

Another Suggestion

Mr. Allen, of Swindon, was also ready with another suggestion for the salvation of the struggling clubs. He wants to see them all exempted until the big round of the F.A. Cup with all the First and Second Division clubs.

Mr. Fred Howarth, the League Secretary, said: "I know nothing of it. It has never been discussed at any meeting which I have attended, and I have never heard of the suggestion."

Mr. Morton F. Cadman, member of the League Management Committee, said: "I have not heard of such a scheme. I was at a meeting of the Management Committee this week and nothing was said about it there."



Fred Rowlands, left, the Army custodian, and K. Forrow, right, Club centre-half, are two players who may secure Interport honours against St. Albans next February.



SENRITA LIZANA'S WIN OVER DOROTHY ROUND

AFTER LOSING THE FIRST SET IN TORQUAY FINAL

London, November 21.

SENRITA Anita Lizana proved her superiority over England's No. 1 player. Miss D. E. Round, by beating her for the second time this season in the women's singles final of the Palace Hotel covered courts tournament at Torquay. The Senorita won a thrilling match full of good tennis 8—10, 6—1, 6—1.

The superiority of Lizana's game was apparent at the start. She played effortlessly, her delicate touch contrasting with the beautifully produced yet laborious style of Miss Round.

Excellent Tennis

Playing excellent tennis all round the court but scoring principally with a speedy, well-controlled drive from the back-hand straight down the line, Lizana ran away to a 5—2 lead in the first set. Then she lapsed.

Miss Round crept up to lead 6—5, losing only four points in the four games.

Miss Round Shines

It was here that Miss Round played her best tennis. She drove deep and accurately and clinched her advantage with sound net work. In a ding-dong battle she led all the way before taking the set at 10—8.

Afterwards the Chilean asserted her early supremacy. With consummate control over her shots she took the second set with a run of five games and the third with a run of six after she had lost the first.

Few players in the world could have beaten Senorita Lizana on the form she showed to-day.

BROWN STILL ABSENTEE

Replaced By O'Brien For Second Test

Sydney, To-day.

W. O'Brien, the Victorian left-hander, is replacing the injured W. A. Brown among the twelve possibles for the Australian team in the second Test match—Renter.

The team will be selected from the following:—Don Bradman (Capt.), S. J. McCabe, C. L. Badcock, W. O'Brien, J. H. Fingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, M. W. Sievers, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, E. Robinson, E. L. McCormick and F. A. Ward.

REFEREES' DINNER

Members of the public are reminded that the Hong Kong Referees' Association is holding its annual dinner this evening at 8.15 p.m. at the Sports Club.

Billiards' Championships Now Being Organised

In view of last year's success, the second annual championships of the Hong Kong Amateur Billiards Association are now being organised.

Entry forms have already been sent out to the public and the various clubs which are interested. They are reminded that the entries close on December 26, 1936.

Individuals joining the Association pay \$3 a year, which entitles them to join either the Senior or Junior Championship free of charge.

Clubs wishing to join the Association have to pay \$10 a year.

The entrance fee for the Senior Championship is \$3 and the Junior Championship \$2.

Further particulars may be had from Mr. A. B. Harmon, of Lane, Crawford, Ltd. (Sports Department), who has taken over the Hon. Secretaryship of the Association.

If I were forced to name one team against the field at this moment, my vote would go to Brentford.

The Betting

Sunderland, still waiting to win the trophy for the first time, are 14 to 1; Portsmouth, the present League leaders, are 16 to 1; as are Brentford.

Then follow half a dozen at 20 to 1 among them Aston Villa, six times Cup winners, and their neighbours, West Bromwich Albion.

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MELJI RUGBY TEAM'S VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Interport Match For Christmas Day

MARINES NOT AS STRONG TO-DAY AS HITHERTO

Shanghai, December 10. Definite plans were made yesterday for the forthcoming Melji Rugby series. The champion collegiate Rugby team of Japan is due to arrive here on December 14 on the Suwa Maru and will play its first game at the Canidrome on the morning of Sunday, December 20, at 11 o'clock.

The second match, which will be against Shanghai and for the Interport Shield, is to be held at the Canidrome on the afternoon of December 25, while the final match against Shanghai will be played on the morning of Sunday, December 27.

Just who will face the Japanese (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)



MAX BAER

WELSHMAN'S RIGHT TO CHALLENGE NEUSEL CONTENDER FOR WORLD TITLE

BUT MUST BEAT MAX BAER FIRST

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, November 20.

DISCUSSION of future matches for Walter Neusel and Ben Foord, following the points victory of the former over Foord at Harringay on Wednesday, went on throughout yesterday. Neusel will be matched with Max Baer, the former heavy-weight champion of the world, at Harringay next February, if Home Office permission is obtained for these two foreigners to meet in England.

Ben Foord has abandoned his projected visit to America. He will probably box in London within the next six weeks. No opponent has been arranged, but his natural rival is undoubtedly Jack Petersen, the former champion, whom Foord beat at Leicester last August.

Despite his poor form in that fight Petersen has an outstanding claim to challenge for the British title. He is only 25, and his failure at Leicester was inexplicable. He ought to be recapturing his former speed, punch, and most important of all, his confidence.

It is a fight London would pay to see. Petersen can provide drama, whether winning or losing. In his first fight with Walter Neusel the Welshman nearly won by the knockout in the second round, and again in the ninth.

In Running Again

Petersen also has a victory over Foord to his credit—he outclassed him when they first met at the Albert Hall in March, 1934. Foord has improved, but I believe the Petersen of 1934 would beat him again.

Can Petersen "come back"? Or is it a fact that the punishment he received in his two defeats by Neusel robbed him for all time of his confidence and stamina? I think Petersen and Foord will be matched.

Nensel and his manager are jubilant. To them the prospect of a match with Baer means the possibility of another chance at the world's title. Neusel has been badly beaten by Max Schmeling, but his manager said yesterday that if Neusel beats Baer he will fight Joe Louis in Chicago next summer.

Crowley's Challenge

Dave Crowley, having outpointed Harry Mizler on Wednesday, yesterday challenged Jimmy Walsh, the British light-weight champion.

The Board of Control will probably require Crowley first to repeat his win over Mizler under championship conditions—15 rounds at 9st 9lb.

FRED PERRY TO RAISE LEVEL OF PRO. TENNIS

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Donald Budge, according to some of the shrewdest judges in the game, only a shade behind Perry.

Von Cramm's Regrets

Barron von Cramm regrets Perry's joining the professional ranks. "This is a great pity because it robs me of an opportunity to beat Fred," said von Cramm. "Of course I can understand his step. He must think of his future; he could not remain world champion forever."

"Beginning next month" said the German ace "we shall begin our training so that we may win the Davis Cup for Germany next year."

No Blame

Jean Borotra said "No one will blame Perry. Everyone will miss him at Wimbledon, but we must try and see his viewpoint. He has done his best for his country and kept the Davis Cup for Britain for four years."

Jack Crawford, now that Perry has given up amateur tennis, thinks that Australia's chances of winning the Davis Cup are equal to America's and better than Germany's.

WEMBLEY PITCH IS RETURFED FOR CUP FINAL

Big Transformation Now In Progress

TURF BROUGHT FROM HERTFORDSHIRE

London, November 21.

Wembley Stadium to-day encloses a large, green rectangle of Hertfordshire grass, where a month ago was a dull expanse of cinders. The speedway season ended in October. Mr. Jack Fowler, who has transformed the arena from speedway track to Cup Final football pitch, each year since 1923, thus had some six months in which to produce a perfect grass surface.

Mr. Fowler told me that the operations this year had entailed the removal and cartage of about 700 tons of cinders, and the laying of over 5,000 large turves. Explaining his system he said:

"I first set a small army of men, most of them unemployed, to the job of clearing the loose cinders which cover the ground to a depth of about two feet. The firm cinders underneath are then compressed by heavy rollers."

Turfing Gang

"While this work is in progress I order the turf, which is sent up freshly cut each morning from Hertfordshire in motor lorries. The 'turfing gang' then follows the rollers."

"The turf we use is specially grown at a grass nursery near Bishop Stortford. It is guaranteed free from disease, and is bred for long life and resiliency. The whole pitch will be turfed by the end of this week. I shall then leave it to 'knit,' probably until the end of January, when we shall begin to 'doctor' and cut it in preparation for the Cup Final in May."

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY

Army Not At Full Strength

The army will be without Sapper Howlett in goal. Sapper Brown at right-half, Banderman Cox at right-back and Khan Bahadur at left-back to-day in their Triangular Hockey Tournament (second round) match against the Club on the H. K. S. R. A. Marine ground at 4.30 p.m. The following will be the team: Cpl. Boyd (R.U.R.); Elwin Logue (R.U.R.); Krishan Singh (R.K.R.A.); L/Cpl. Moore (R.U.R.); Capt. Stapleton (Kumaon Rifles); Ali Dir (Punjab); Lt. Robinson (East Lancs.); Lt. Garthwaite (R.A.); Smm. Patank (Kumaon Rifles); L/Maj. Narain Singh (Kumaon Rifles); and Lai Singh (Punjab).

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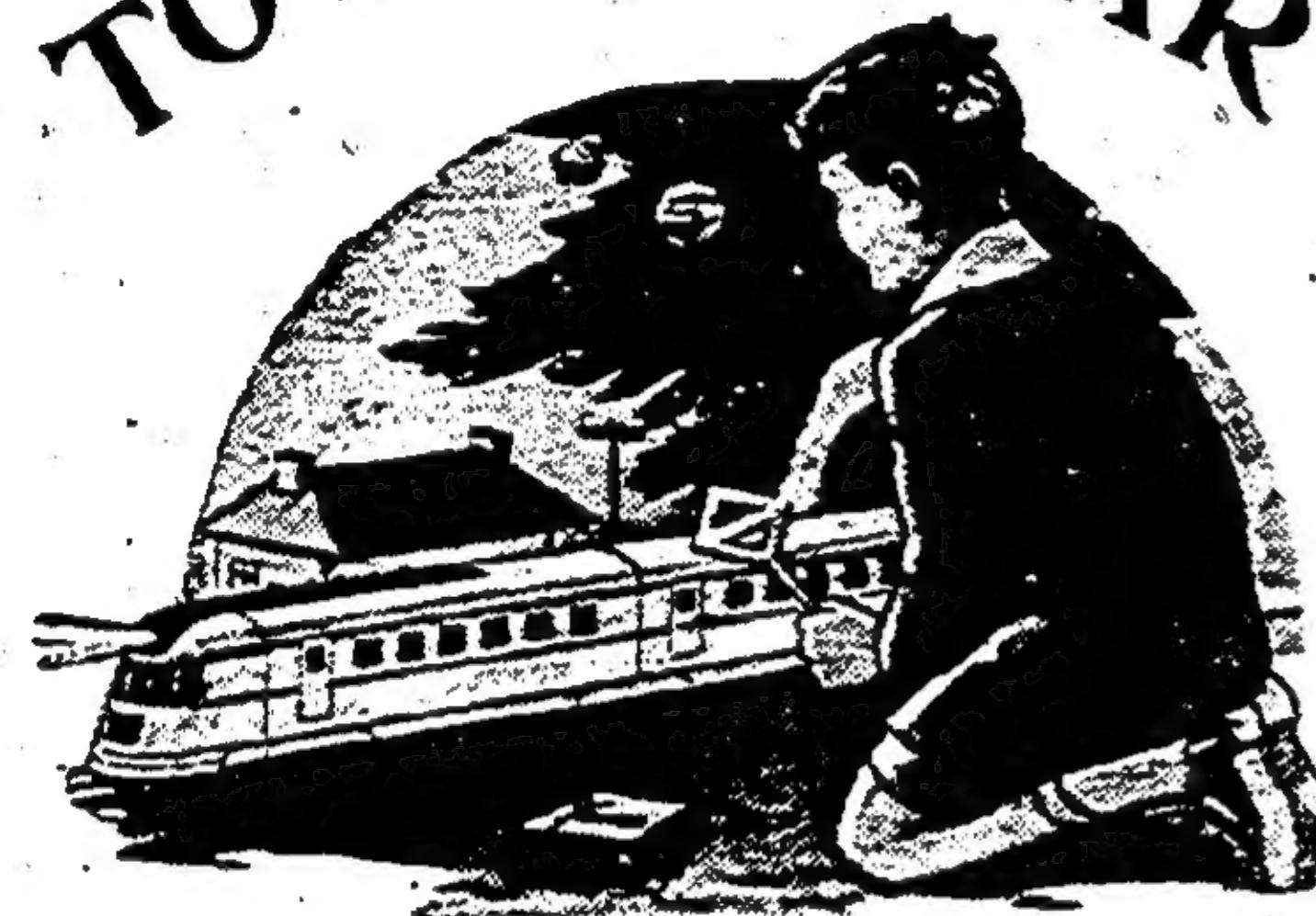
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THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Bill Discussed In Commons

DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

London To-day. The financial resolution, which is a prelude to the Government's Livestock Industry Bill, will be one of the first measures to be considered by Parliament after the Christmas recess, was discussed in the House of Commons last evening.

The purpose of the Bill is described as to provide for the development and better organisation of industry and connected industries, for paying a subsidy to the producers of fat cattle, for regulating the imports of livestock and meat, and for the holding of markets and slaughtering of livestock.

The resolution imposes, as from to-day, an import duty of three farthings per pound on chilled meat, of two-thirds of a penny on other beef and veal, and 20 per cent ad valorem on boned and boneless and edible offals, excluding sweetbreads and canned goods. Empire products are exempted. A duty of 20 per cent is also imposed on canned goods and of 10 per cent on extracts and essences wholly derived from beef or veal, and certain other classes. Mr. W. S. Morrison, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, described the resolution as the outcome of long and difficult negotiations with the Argentine, and stated that the duties were expected to raise over £3,000,000 per annum.—British Wireless Service.

RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

London: The House of Commons carried, by 205 votes to 123 and 213 to 123 respectively, the two resolutions imposing a duty of three farthings on every pound of foreign meat and 10 to 20 per cent on foreign canned meat.

Capt. D. Euan Wallace, in replying for the Government after the debate, said that if they had tried to insist on a higher duty, there probably would not have been any agreement with the Argentine. He reminded the House that the Dominions had free entry and added that the duty was high enough to give the Dominions adequate preference but not high enough to be a serious burden on the consumer.

—Reuter.

FOREIGN CURRENCY LAWS
IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.—Those persons who are still in possession of foreign currencies and who have failed to declare same, as required by the new German currency law, will be given another chance to comply with the regulations and escape punishment if they offer the foreign currencies in question to the Reichsbank before January 31, 1937. The German Government made a recommendation to the Commissioner for the Four-Year Plan, Premier Goering, who passed an amnesty law to this effect yesterday. —Trans-Ocean Service.

NO YUGOSLAV LOAN FROM FRANCE

Belgrade, To-day.—It is officially denied here that Yugoslavia intends to raise a loan of 1,000,000 francs in France for the purpose of armament, as has been generally asserted in the foreign press in connection with the trade agreement just concluded between France and Yugoslavia. —Trans-Ocean Service.

OBITUARY

Old China Hand
Passes

A China hand of twenty years' experience, in the person of Mr. Harry Burns, passed away at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon after five weeks' illness.

The late Mr. Burns was Chief Engineer of the Steamship "Shun Chi," belonging to the Wo Fat Sing Company. He hailed from Melbourne, where he has many relatives, but for the last 20 years he has been engaged on coastal shipping in the Far East. Aged 46 years, he was unmarried, but had a large circle of friends in this Colony by reason of his association with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Football Club. Among his friends he had the reputation of being one man at 5 p.m. this afternoon.

TOBACCO AUCTIONS
IN AFRICANEW SALES METHODS
INTRODUCED
INNOVATION PROVES HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL

AUGUST 28, 1936, saw the close of the selling season for tobacco. The second man has duplicate sheets on which he also notes these figures.

Stage Set

The bale is then removed with the ticket attached and placed a line on the auction floor. All bales are treated in this way and placed end to end on the floor in long lines with a space of about three feet between the lines, and are then opened up and the tobacco displayed. The stage is then set for the sale to commence.

The buyers line up on one side of the first row of tobacco and the auctioneer, the up-set-price man and the ticket marker on the other. The up-set-price man is a tobacco expert and is able to tell at a glance the quality of the tobacco and the price value. This price he then calls as a starting bid and the buyers may then commence bidding from this price a greater or lesser one as they deem fit.

Drastic Changes

This legislation, being a most important and integral part of the industry, bears mention in full as a natural prelude to the description of auction sales.

The drastic changes effected can be appreciated by a description of the present system of selling by auction.

In the first place it was found more expedient to cease referring to growers by name and in place to resort to numbers, every grower then being allotted a registered number.

A grower sending in a consignment of tobacco to the auction warehouse marks all his bales with this number. These bales are then passed through the scale room, one at a time, where they are weighed. In the scale room are two men making the requisite entries. The first man notes the number on the bale and its weight

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SITUATION IN SUIYUAN

First Hand Information For Colony

HELP FOR REFUGEES

Dr. D. W. Edwards, Regional Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in North China, who was in Hong Kong yesterday, is the first to bring first-hand information on war conditions in Suiyuan Province. With a party of four other Y.M.C.A. workers Dr. Edwards had made a visit to that war-torn Province to ascertain the form of assistance that could be usefully extended to refugees.

Speaking at a luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday, Dr. Edwards stated that Suiyuan would have interested a visitor from Hong Kong. The Inner Mongolians, who inhabit it mostly, were well-set and from having accustomed themselves to riding almost from birth, were experts in the saddle.

His observations during the recent visit led him to believe that the rebels now fighting the Chinese Government forces were led by non-Chinese officers supported by certain renegades, but with Wong Ying, son of a former General in the Chinese Army, officially directing the fighting.

Movement Not Spontaneous

Originally, the rebels did not number more than 2,000, but their strength is being added to from day to day by Manchukuo reinforcements to that extent where to continue to speak of the autonomous movement as being spontaneous was ridiculous.

A gratifying detail said Dr. Edwards for all Chinese is the knowledge that the Provincial troops were being strongly backed by Central Government troops, the strength of whose second line of defence running through Ping Tei-chuen, had yet to be felt by the enemy. Granted that the situation would not be further complicated by open military intervention on a much larger scale, Dr. Edwards believed the Suiyuanese, under their very able leader, General Foo Chok-yu, were fully capable of holding their own.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Serge Petrovich Makarov, professor of Music, and Miss Lidia Aleksandrovna Savadskaya, both of No. 28, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

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LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Two cases of diphtheria and two of enteric fever were reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

A total of 17 cases of diphtheria (nine deaths), three of enteric fever (one death), one of puerperal fever and 58 deaths from tuberculosis were reported during the week ended on December 12.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia leaves Hong Kong for Manila at 8 p.m. to-day and is due to arrive in that port on Friday. She leaves Manila again on Sunday morning for Hong Kong and is due here at 5 p.m. on Monday. She will leave again on Wednesday for Vancouver, via ports.

The Muslim community in Hong Kong to-day celebrates *Id-ul-fitr*, the festival marking the close of Ramadan, the fasting month. A special service was held at the Mosque, Shelley Street, this morning, almost the entire Muslim community attending.

The Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group will meet in the West Lounge next Sunday at 9 p.m. when the Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck will give a talk on "Christianity in the Church."

It is announced that the Y.M.C.A.'s weekly Servicemen's whisky drive, originally arranged for next Monday, has been cancelled.

The European Y.M.C.A. announces that a Carol Service will be held in the West Lounge on Sunday, December 27, commencing at 9 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada left Vancouver last Saturday and is due here on January 1.

The R.S. Santia left Kobe last Friday and is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The R.M.A. Dorado arrived from Penang yesterday with one passenger, Mr. Seybold. No freight was carried; though there were 248,771 kilos of mail matter on the plane.

Many who have attended the very enjoyable dances organised by the committee of St. Andrew's Club, may be unaware that their really big function of the year, the annual Christmas carnival dance, is due to take place to-morrow evening at the Church Hall. Tickets, costing \$1.50, which includes refreshments, are obtainable from members.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, gifts by the following firms to the recent sale of work: Messrs. Lordy & Co., Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., the Gloucester Hotel, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Arts and Crafts, Ltd., Colonial Dispensary, Sincere Co., Ltd., Wing On Co., Ltd., Asia Co., China Emporium; also to Messrs. Alabaster, Crapnell and Keen for assistance rendered, to all who generously contributed to the various stalls, and to the Press, European and Chinese, for appreciated publicity.

Macau Jockey Club
Meeting For January 10

The following is the programme, entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club, Jockey allowance, Entrance \$5. Six Furlooms.

1st Race. Nanchang Handicap—(First Section) Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race since 1st September, 1936. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Entrance \$5. Six Furlooms.

2nd Race. Wen Chang Handicap—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club. Winners of three or more races during 1936, barred. Jockey allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

3rd Race. Lok Chang Handicap—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club. Winners of three or more races during 1936, barred. Jockey allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

4th Race. Nanchang Handicap—(Second Section) Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Entries close on Tuesday, December 29, 1936 at the Secretary's Office, 5th Floor, new Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, Hong Kong.

MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

Shamshipo Market Quarrel

BUTCHER FACES GRAVE CHARGE

Charged with the manslaughter of Chan Wai, a 30-year-old Chinese butcher named Man Kwai appeared before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions Supreme Court this morning.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. D. Humphreys (Foreman), Cheng Fan, R. A. Campos, C. A. Gaan, A. M. G. Phillips, A. M. Rumjahn and V. Olofinsky.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown and the accused was not legally represented.

In outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Williams said that the incident occurred after 10 a.m. on November 5 last, at Shamshipo Market. The accused was one of the fokis at Stall No. 57, which had been divided into two stalls, namely the Tin Shan Stall and the Cheung Shing Stall, the accused belonging to the latter.

Tried To Borrow Saw

There will be Tombola in the R.A. Sergeants' Station Mess, Gun Club Hill, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Sunday, December 20, commencing at 9 p.m.

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association at St. Joseph's College on December 17 at 5.15 p.m. Dr. Hargreaves will lecture on "The Aims and Functions of a Medical Service to Schools."

At the annual prize-giving at the French Convent School at Causeway Bay, the pupils staged an operetta, "The Wishing Cap," which was very successful. Parents who did not see it have asked that it be done again and this has been arranged. The show will be given at the School on Friday, December 18, at 5 p.m. A charge of \$1 is being made for the Convent charities.

The usual Tombola will not be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Friday, 18th instant, but will be continued in the usual manner on Saturday, 19th instant. Fall on Christmas and Boxing Days falling on Friday and Saturday of next week, no Tombola will be run in the Garrison Lecture Hall.

The Royal Observatory reports that 0.01 inch of rain fell during the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, making the total since January 1, 69.51 inches, against an average of 84.61 inches.

The Civil Service Cricket Club is holding its annual prize-giving and Children's Christmas Tree on December 26 for members and their children. Tea will be served at 3.30 p.m. and the presentation of prizes and toys from the Christmas Tree will take place at 5 p.m.

The St. John Ambulance Association has issued an illustrated pamphlet appealing for funds for the "Tiny Tims" in their hospitals in the New Territories. Donations may be sent to the Brigade Headquarters in Tai Hang.

GARDNER AGAIN IN COURT

Fraudulent Conversion Alleged

Joseph Charles Gardner, who appeared before His Honour, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, yesterday morning, at the Criminal Sessions charged with fraudulently converting to his own use certain sums of money on divers dates, the property of the Union Insurance Society Ltd., and who was discharged following a plea of *not guilty* by his counsel, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jr. appeared before Mr. W. Schofield this morning charged with the fraudulent conversion, on January 5, 1936, of \$31, entrusted to him for the purchase of revenue stamps by the Company. The case was formally remanded for a week and, in asking for the remand, Chief Detective-Inspecto J. Murphy asked His Worship to note in the deposition sheet that the case was for committal. When the question of bail was raised, Inspector Murphy objected, saying that other charges similar to this one might be preferred. Bail was therefore not granted.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Sr. Court.

Five cases of diphtheria and four of enteric fever were reported for the 24 hours ended yesterday.

Final Retreat

By Royal Ulster Rifles Band

The Band and Bugles, of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles, will play Retreat to-morrow on Murray Parade ground, commencing at 5.15 p.m. This will be the last appearance of the Band and Bugles on this ground. The programme is as follows:

1. Band and Bugles "Les Poilus"
2. Band "Officer of the Day"
3. Bugles "14th Durhams"
4. Band "Regimental March" of the "Connaught Rangers"
5. Bugles "Austria"
6. Band "Irish Airs"
7. Band and Bugles "Royal South Downs"
8. God Save The King.

SIANFU SURROUNDED

(Continued from Page 1)

When the revolting marshal went to see the Generalissimo with Mr. Donald, he asked the latter to accept his demands regarding the declaration of war against Japan and the reorganisation of the present government, but the Generalissimo told him to offer his proposals to the Central Government for consideration, adding that he himself was not the one to accept any such demands under the present conditions.

It is learned that Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Commission, will fly to Sian to-day to interview the revolting marshal and negotiate for the release of the Generalissimo.

CHANG'S DEMANDS

Semi-official reports state that the revolting marshal recently cabled to General Ho Shing-chuan, Director of the Generalissimo's Hankow Headquarters, to the effect that he is willing to modify his demands provided that there will be no punishment meted out to himself, while a guarantee to preserve his troops and that the Central Government will take effective measures for resisting the foreign aggression and recovering the four North-eastern provinces would be needed.

It is learned that the Russian Government denies that it has any alliance with the revolting marshal.

LANCHOW RECAPTURED

Telegraphic communications between Nanking and Sian were resumed yesterday, and it is officially confirmed that General Wu Chung-nan, a divisional commander of the Generalissimo's own troops, recaptured Lanchow, the capital of Kansu Province, and that the mutinous troops there surrendered. — From Our Own Correspondent.

Veterans Ready To Intervene

The accused's driving record showed that he started driving since June 1933, during which year he committed two offences—negligent driving and dangerous driving.

Chou Lou and others are ready to proceed to Sianfu to plead with Marshal Chang for the release of his "prisoner."

Other imprisoned officials include General Wei Li-chun, officer commanding to Nanking troops in Anhui and Kiangsu; General Chiang Ting-wei, Pacification Commissioner of Fukien; Mr. Chiang Tso-pin, Minister of the Interior; General Chen Cheng, Vice-Minister of War; Colonel Mu Pang-cho, commandant of the Nanking air force; and General Chien Ta-chun, A. D. C. to Generalissimo Chiang. General Chien is reported to have been killed while resisting General Chang Esueh-liang's troops, but this report has not yet been officially confirmed.

All these officers are trusted supporters of the Generalissimo.—Union News.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Lorry Driver Sent To Gaol

JURY ONLY TAKE TEN MINUTES TO DECIDE

Found guilty of the manslaughter of a 50-year-old Chinese woman, Cheung Sut, a lorry driver named Wong Ping-ching, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions Supreme Court this morning.

The programme is as follows:

1. Band and Bugles "Les Poilus"
2. Band "Officer of the Day"
3. Bugles "14th Durhams"
4. Band "Regimental March" of the "Connaught Rangers"
5. Bugles "Austria"
6. Band "Irish Airs"
7. Band and Bugles "Royal South Downs"
8. God Save The King.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown.

On being recalled with regard to the suggestion put forward by Tong Heung, an eye witness to the tragedy, that the deceased fell face downwards on the road and then rolled into the ditch, feet first, Dr. G. H. Henry, stated this morning, that the deceased had two sharp cuts on her back, and that these cuts were more consistent with the impact of the lorry than with having been thrown in the ditch.

"I Forgot To Tell"

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams, the accused said that the rear part of the lorry struck the pole which the deceased had been carrying on her shoulder, thus causing her to fall into the ditch. Asked why he did not make the same statement after he had been arrested, the accused replied "I forgot to tell." The accused then identified the statement which he made to Sergeant Scrim, and admitted that he had stated "My front right-mudguard struck the front basket, which the woman was carrying, and she fell among the bushes."

Tong Kwong, who was one of the men on the lorry when the incident occurred, stated that the deceased was walking almost in the centre of the road. An iron pole on the lorry touched the pole she had on her shoulder and sent her into the ditch.

After the verdict was given by the jury, His Lordship stated that he would take into consideration that the deceased was walking almost in the centre of the road. An iron pole on the lorry touched the pole she had on her shoulder and sent her into the ditch.

The accused's driving record showed that he started driving since June 1933, during which year he committed two offences—negligent driving and dangerous driving.

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1 Qt. Guillemaur Champagne.

1 Pt. D.O.M.

1 Qt. Burgoine's Burgundy.

2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or McCallum's Perfection Whisky.

No. 3 HAMPER — \$50.00.

1 Qt. Pellegrin's Burgundy.

1 Pt. G. F. Peppermint.

1 Pt. D.O.M.

2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port.

2 Qts. St. Julien Claret.

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1 Qt. Guillemaur Champagne.

1 Pt. D.O.M.

1 Qt. Burgoine's Burgundy.

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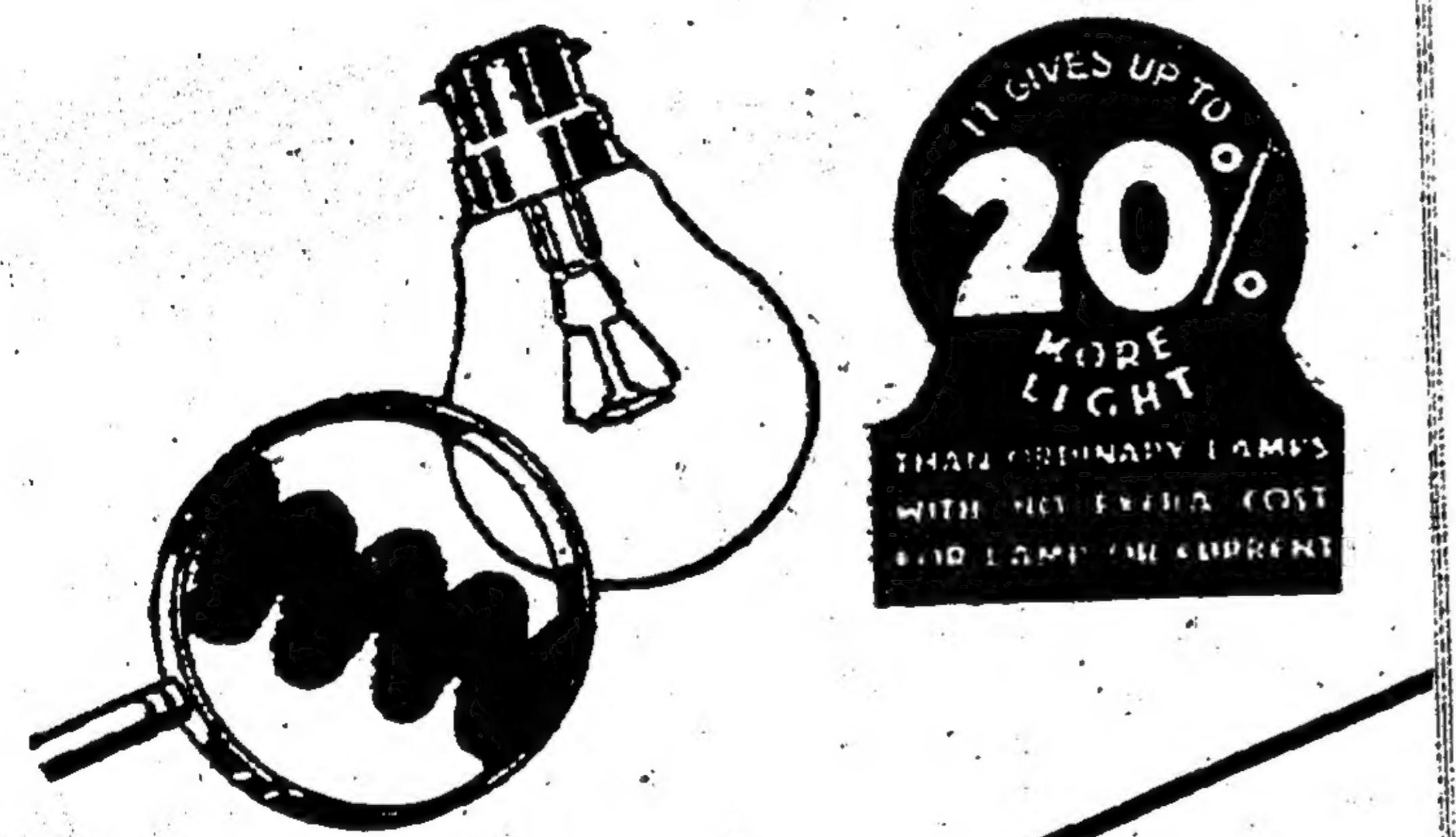
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MOTHERS' UNION ENTERTAINMENT

Christmas Party At St. Andrew's

The members of the Mothers' Union of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, were hosts yesterday afternoon at an annual Christmas party given for members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's Cathedral.

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Higgs, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke presided at the party, which opened at three o'clock with the playing of many entertaining games and competitions.

Music was provided by Mrs. Kirke and Miss B. Kirke and Mrs. Stevenson entertained with monologues.

A splendid tea with multi-coloured crackers was provided by Mrs. Gardiner, manageress of Harbour View Hotel. Following tea, Mrs. Kirke announced that the mothers' Union intend sending a little present with their congratulations to Mrs. Higgs on the birth of a son.

TOBACCO AUCTIONS IN AFRICA

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paid and the grade mark in regard to each bale. They then calculate in peace the total realisation of every bale sold. When each sheet is completed it is sent into the office where invoice clerks are preparing the buyers' accounts and two further clerks are preparing the buyers' accounts and two further clerks are preparing the cheques for the sellers.

The procedure is that the company makes payment to the growers immediately their particular consignments are sold and the sheets have been received in the office. The company then renders an account to the buyers, who reimburse the following day.

Bales Removed

As soon as the bales are sold and the requisite particulars noted, the bales are removed by the buyers to their respective warehouses. Should, however, a grower be dissatisfied with the price fetched by any of his bales, he is entitled to negative the sale of those bales by tearing the tickets, and can re-offer them "for sale on the auction floor at some future date in the hopes of then obtaining better prices."

The advantages of this system can be clearly seen, and among these the following can be mentioned:

The growers have a central depot to which they can send their tobacco, thereby obviating an enormous amount of handling costs, and buyers all assemble together and are able to view all types of tobacco, merely buying those that suit their requirements. It is also probable that the better prices obtained are a result of the buyers being together and bidding against each other, whereby keen competition is presented.

It is deserving to say now that great appreciation is due to both buyers, growers and staff for the great spirit shown in rendering wholehearted co-operation in making the scheme the unqualified success it has been.

Arriving at the site of the convention, the Joneses park their trailer and pitch camp. The kids all have a grand time, especially Jack Jones who has met his sweetheart, Dixie Dunbar, and Bonnie, who is being escorted by the debonair Williams.

Announcements

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"LITTLE MISS MARKER"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Damon Runyon's never-to-be-forgotten Colliers' story about the hard guys and the diamond-crusted ladies of Broadway and the little five-year-old girl who took them all over the jumps—full of breezy dialogue, loveable and looney characters, laughs and just enough tears come to life in "Little Miss Marker."

Directed by Alexander Hall, the film features Adolphe Menjou who earns praise for a suave and faultless performance; delectable Dorothy Dell, one of Paramount's newest young stars; Charles Bickford and that diminutive almost inexcusably perfect little girl, Shirley Temple.

In the supporting cast are Lynne Overman, who makes his first Hollywood appearance in this picture, Frank McGlynn, Sr., Jack Sheehan, Gary Owen, Tammany Young, Sam Hardy and Warren Hymer.

William R. Lipman, Sam Hellman and Gladys Lehman adapted the original to the screen. R. P. Schuberg produced the picture for Paramount.

"BACK TO NATURE"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Merrily rolling along on a vacation on wheels, the happy-scrappy Jones Family fill the wide open spaces with fun and hilarity in their latest and best Twentieth Century-Fox hit, "Back to Nature."

Featuring Jed Prouty, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Syring Byington, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, the picture is a hilarious narrative of the Jones' vacation which they take on the open road in an automobile trailer.

The film opens with Dad Jones beamingly announcing to his family that he is going to Tranquill Lake while they spend their vacation at a backwoods farm. At the concerted roar of protest which greets this announcement, Dad gives in weakly and agrees to buy a new automobile trailer and take the whole family to the convention.

En route, the Joneses go through a merry series of adventures and escapades, climaxed when Bonnie is rescued from a bear cub by Tom Williams. Williams visits with the Joneses a short time, and then goes on his way, promising to meet Bonnie later at Tranquill Lake.

Arriving at the site of the convention, the Joneses park their trailer and pitch camp. The kids all have a grand time, especially Jack Jones who has met his sweetheart, Dixie Dunbar, and Bonnie, who is being escorted by the debonair Williams.

"FLASH GORDON"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Settings so fantastic that they startle the imagination form the background for the Universal film offering, "Flash Gordon," with Buster Crabbe in the title role. All the fascination of the mythical planet of Mongo, created by Alex Raymond in his newspaper strip, is emphasized in this new production, which Frederick Stephani directed. Jean Rogers, Charles Middleton and Priscilla Lawson have important roles.

A city suspended in the sky, a kingdom held below the sea, a rocket ship that shoots through space and rays that melt huge steel structures provided technical problems for the studio experts.

Strange costumes and weird make-up, which produce realistic shark-men, hawk-men and human-men, were evolved after weeks of planning and experiment. On the screen, the result, is both awe-inspiring and grotesque.

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FIELD DAY FOR ROTARIANS

Visitors From Canton And Swatow

Yesterday was a field day for Rotarians, local members being honoured by a visit from Dr. Fong Sec.

F. Sec., Governor of the Sist District under which the Hong Kong branch comes, and from fellow-members from Canton and Swatow Rotary Clubs.

Following a meeting with Hong Kong Directors at the house of the President, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, on Monday evening. Dr. Fong Sec. gave an address at the weekly luncheon yesterday and the afternoon was occupied by further business meetings concluding with an informal dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The luncheon was presided over by Mr. Tam, who welcomed the following guests: Dr. Fong Sec., Mr. T. C. Pan, President of the Swatow Rotary Club; Mr. B. C. Baker, Vice-President Mr. Davis S. H. Chang, Secretary, Mr. S. H. Pang, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, all of the Swatow Rotary Club; Mr. Peter S. T. Shih of the Nanking Rotary Club; Mr. J. W. Henry, Past President, Mr. T. F. Wei and Mr. J. J. Edwards, all of the Canton Rotary Club.

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The New Year Parcel Mail for
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Central Post Office at 5 p.m. on Tues-
day the 17th November per L.L.
"Patronus."

This mail is due to arrive at Lon-
don on the 23rd December.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL MAIL FOR CANADA

The Christmas Parcel Mail for
Canada will be closed in the General
Post Office and Kowloon Central Post
Office at 3 p.m. on Tuesday the 24th
November per L.L. "Empress of
Russia."

This mail is due to arrive at Vic-
toria B.C. on the 12th December.

On and after the 5th December, the
letter box at the Canton Steamer
Wharf will be abolished. Correspond-
ence intended to go by the night
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FROM EUROPE

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Emp. of Asia 16
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Atsuta Maru 25

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Dec.
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Emp. of Asia 16
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Asama Maru 19
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Comorin 25

FROM U.S.A.

Dec.
Emp. of Asia 16
Asama Maru 19

FROM MANILA

Dec.
Kitano Maru 20

FROM AUSTRALIA

Dec.
Kitano Maru 20

OUTWARD MAIL

FOR EUROPE

Dec.
Antenor (via Marseilles) 16
Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10 a.m.

R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Air-
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Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 8.30 a.m.

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GENERAL NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 19th December, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 14th December, 1936.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED

THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending 28th February, 1937, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on MONDAY, the 21st December, 1936, at the Company's Office at China Buildings, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st December, 1936.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary,
Hong Kong, 12th December, 1936

NOTICE

A. D. H. HANDS, deceased; will all persons having claims against the estate of the late Mr. A. D. H. Hands, Imperial Airways, Ltd., submit same on or before 31st December 1936 to:—

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I have pleasure in announcing that Messrs. M. I. LING and Y. C. LEUNG have this day been granted jointly and severally my personal power of attorney and that of my firm.

signed:—G. A. HARRIMAN,
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LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Thursday, the 17th Dec., 1936 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room No. 35 Hankow Road, Kowloon

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BRIDGE NOTES

HOST OF THE PAST

By Ely Culbertson

In my morning's mail I received a letter from a Chinese student in Shanghai. He craved my assistance in the solution of a hand that had been given him with the challenge that he would be unable to make the stipulated contract of six spades. He was unable, he said, and would I please "help his head not to ache" by rushing the proper directions?

There was something vaguely familiar about the hand that piqued my curiosity. Not that it was so difficult [a more or less routine double-squeeze play], but I knew I had seen it before. Finally the light dawned. It was one of the sixteen original World Bridge Olympic hands made up by myself in 1932. This was it:

West, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S—10 3 2

H—J 7 2

D—Q J 10 9 3 2

C—Q

WEST EAST

S—A Q J 7 6 3 S—K 9

H—A 5 H—K 10 6

D—S D—A 7 6 4

C—K 6 5 3 C—A 8 4 2

SOUTH

S—8 4

H—Q 9 8 4 3

D—K 5

C—J 10 9 7

The bidding suggested in the par sheets circulated immediately after the event was:

West North East South

1 spade Pass 3 no trump Pass

5 spades Pass 6 spades Pass

Pass Pass

While it cannot be denied that the correct contract was reached, it would appear that there was a grave danger, from West's point of view, that he was stopping short of a lay-down grand slam. To-day East would need greater honour strength to bid three no trump over one spade, the modern trend being to hold a little in reserve in responses, rather than "stretch."

The play goes as follows:

North opens the club queen; declarer counts his losers and sees that his only danger [assuming that the trumps do not lie five in one hand] is that clubs will not break and that two club tricks therefore, may be lost. To guard against this possibility, he prepares for a squeeze. He wins the first trick with the club king, and in order to "get a count" on the opponents' hands, begins the elimination of the diamond suit. A diamond to the ace, and a diamond ruff, followed by the lead of a spade to dummy's king, and the ruff of a third diamond discloses the fact that North originally held six diamonds [South failing to follow on the third round]. The adverse trumps are drawn, dummy discarding a club, and then a club is led toward dummy. When North fails to follow, the bad news is out. Declarer must not make the mistake of winning this trick with the ace. He must duck in dummy, in order to set the stage for the necessary squeeze. South wins and, let us say, returns a club. [No other lead would change the result.] Dummy's ace wins; declarer leads to his heart ace and the situation stands:

NORTH

S—None

H—J 7

D—Q

C—None

WEST EAST

S—J S—None

H—5 H—K 10

D—None D—7

C—6 C—None

SOUTH

S—None

H—Q 9

D—None

C—10

The jack of trumps is the "coup de grace." North must keep his diamond to top dummy's seven, therefore must blank his heart jack. Dummy lets go the diamond, and now South is in the same trouble as his partner. He must keep the high club and, therefore, cannot guard the heart suit. A perfect double squeeze.

BARNABY HOME FIRE

Seventy girls of Dr. Barnardo's Village Homes, Beckenham, Essex, with about a dozen matrons, formed a bucket-chain and fought a fire which broke out in two sheds last month.



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on wavelength of 355 metres, (645 kc's), 31.49 metres, (9.52 megacycles).

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FROM STUDIO

EARLY DAYS OF CRICKET

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme

12.30 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordéon Band.

1.20 p.m.—Three Numbers by the Mills Brothers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Light Concert Items.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—

Could I believe?"

Toto Dal Monte, (Soprano).

"Falstaff" (Verdi)—

From Secret Caves and Bowers.

"La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—

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Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (baritone)

"I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—

A word allow me!

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Apollo Granforte, (baritone).

"I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—

On with the Motley.

"Andrea Chénier" (Giordano)—

Gazing one day into the boundless blue.

Aureliano Pertile, (Tenor).

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Dawn (Cadmian).

From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmian).

I love the moon (Hubens).

7.45 p.m.—From the Studio.

The Third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by E. Abbott.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Band Concert.

Flute Solo—

Fantaisie Caractéristique (Anderson)

Vocal—Edith Perville.

When evening's twilight (Hutton).

